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April 30, 2013

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

17 April 30, 2013

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ACCEPT REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL BULLETPROOF VEST
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
(ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Accept reimbursement funds from the Federal Bulletproof Vest Program in the amount of \$49,737 on behalf of the Sheriff, District Attorney, and the Chief Probation Officer.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Authorize the Sheriff, District Attorney, and the Chief Probation Officer to accept on behalf of the County of Los Angeles \$49,737 in reimbursement funds allocated by the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance under the Federal Fiscal Year 2012 Bulletproof Vest Partnership program.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Since June 1999, the Board of Supervisors has authorized the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to submit an application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for the County of Los Angeles' (County) participation in the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program. The purpose of the program is to preserve the lives of law enforcement officers by providing financial assistance to local law enforcement agencies so that they can procure bulletproof vests for their officers. Under the provisions of the BVP, the Federal government will reimburse a portion of the cost of each vest purchased by a local agency.

The Sheriff, District Attorney, and Chief Probation Officer are eligible for participation in this program.

The BVP program requires each County department to apply for reimbursement electronically via the BVP website. As the County's designated contact, the CEO reviews, verifies, and combines the departmental submissions into a single application that is formally submitted. The application for BVP Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2012 funding was submitted on June 18, 2012.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This program meets the County's Strategic Plan Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery: Maximize opportunities to measurably improve client and community outcomes and leverage resources through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

See attachment.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The BVP, created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Act of 1998, is a unique United States Department of Justice initiative designed to provide a critical resource to state and local law enforcement. Since 1999, over 63,000 jurisdictions have participated in the BVP Program, with \$359 million in Federal funds committed to support the purchase of an estimated 2,689,000 vests.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The primary concern of the BVP is to protect the lives of peace officers around the nation. The BVP program assists the County in providing the funding necessary to ensure that personnel are adequately protected.

Respectfully submitted,



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PVR:cc

Enclosures

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
District Attorney
Sheriff
Probation

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The County's FFY 2012 BVP application requested reimbursement for 1,730 bulletproof vests. The individual requests from the departments are as follows:

| <u>Department</u> | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| District Attorney | 30 | \$15,000 |
| Probation Department | 250 | \$89,240 |
| Sheriff's Department | 1,450 | \$500,988 |
| TOTAL | 1,730 | \$605,228 |

The BJA awarded the County \$49,737 in reimbursement funds or approximately 8.22 percent of each vest. Departments that receive a BVP allocation are responsible for the remaining costs. The eligible departments have sufficient funding within their budgets to cover the remaining costs. The proportional award amounts are as follows:

| <u>Department</u> | <u>Total Cost</u> | <u>Award Amount</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| District Attorney | \$15,000 | \$1,233 |
| Probation Department | \$89,240 | \$7,334 |
| Sheriff's Department | \$500,988 | \$41,170 |
| TOTAL | \$605,228 | \$49,737 |

The CEO will disburse the BJA award in amounts proportionate to each department's total armor vest order, as reflected in the above chart. The reimbursement deadline date for bulletproof vests purchased under the FFY 2012 BVP is August 31, 2014.